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February 8, 2005

ATTN: Donna Hogerhuis

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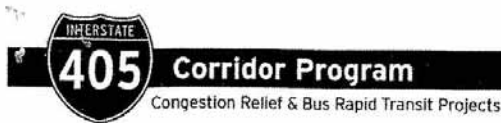
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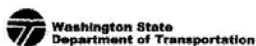
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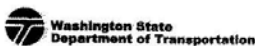
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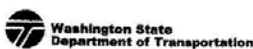
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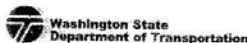
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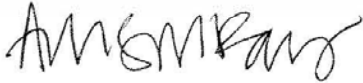
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RE: I-405 Renton Nickel Improvement Project, King County – Cultural Resource Discipline Report

Dear Chair Sockzehigh:

Per provisions of 36CFR800, we are continuing consultation for the above project. Enclosed please find a copy of the Cultural Resource Discipline Report (dated November 2005), which summarizes the cultural resources assessment conducted by Historical Research Associates, Inc. (HRA) for the above project. The Area of Potential Effect (APE) for this project includes all areas of ground disturbance—including demolition, construction, staging, equipment storage locations, stormwater management facilities, and wetland and stream mitigation sites—as well as one additional parcel on either side of the I-405 corridor outside of the ground disturbance area. Investigations included primary and secondary source background research, reconnaissance survey, subsurface archaeological investigations, and recordation of all historic resources 50 years old and older.

As noted in the report, HRA encountered no archaeological resources as a result of this investigation. There was one recorded archaeological site (45KI6) within the APE, which was a shell midden near the Green River. This site was destroyed during the construction of the I-405/SR 181 interchange in the late 1960's. HRA did identify four Washington Historic Register (WHR)-listed sites within the project APE. One of these resources, the Renton Fire Station/Renton Historical Museum, is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The remaining WHR-listed resources—the Columbia and Puget Sound Rail Road and Trestle (45KI538), Renton Substation of the Snoqualmie Falls Power Company (45KI74), and the Renton Coal Mine Hoist Foundation (45KI211)—have been determined not eligible for listing in the NRHP. In addition to these previously-recorded resources, HRA identified, surveyed, and inventoried 118 resources constructed before 1956. None of the newly recorded resources are NRHP-eligible. Further, the Renton Nickel Improvement Project will not have an effect, either direct or indirect, on historic properties.



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If you have knowledge of traditional cultural properties in or near the proposed project area, or should you have comments or questions regarding the project, you may contact me at 425.456.8610 or rayalli@wsdot.wa.gov, or you may reach Connie Walker-Gray, UCO's Cultural Resources Specialist at 206.464.1236 or GrayC@wsdot.wa.gov by no later than January 17, 2006.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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